

welcome to FIFTH GRADE

Welcome to a brand new year! We are so excited to welcome you to fifth grade. We hope that you will use the summer to rest, relax, and recharge. We also hope that you will use the summer to read, grow, and learn because learning is the one thing in life from which we should never take a break! We want you to become lifelong learners.

We have prepared some summer work in Math to help keep your skills sharp over the break. It is not too much. We planned about one page per week of vacation with a few weeks for rest thrown in for good measure. The work we selected is from the fourth grade curriculum, so it should not be too challenging to complete. You can complete the work at your own pace, but we **do not** recommend waiting until the very last minute. Time management is a **BIG** part of fifth grade. You will be juggling a lot more than you have in the past. Learning to manage your work and complete things on time is an important skill not only for school but also for life.

We have also assigned ONE required book and a book report for you to complete over the summer. The title of the book is *Because of Mr. Terupt* by Rob Buyea. It gives a look at a fifth grade classroom and their experiences throughout the year. We hope that you will love it! There are VERY detailed instructions, and you are being provided with everything you need to complete the project. There is also a rubric included so you can see how points are earned. We do A LOT of presentations in fifth grade because we want you to become excellent public speakers by the time you leave SCJN. This will be your very first presentation in fifth grade. You will receive a grade for Listening & Speaking and a grade for Reading for this project. We have also included a list of Recommended Books for your grade level. While we only require you to read one book, we would love it if you read more than just one book. You can read ANYTHING you would like; the books do not have to be from the list. We are not setting a limit or a guideline. We just want you to read!

All work - Math and Reading - is due on the first day of fifth grade. We hope that your summer is filled with laughter, fun, excitement, and learning. We can't wait to see what wonderful fifth graders you will become. Get ready. New challenges are on the horizon!

See you in September!



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We believe that reading is the gateway to learning. It helps to expand your vocabulary, enhances your language skills, and takes you to exciting places. You are only required to read and report on one book over the summer. The book is *Because of Mr. Terupt* by Rob Buyea, and we hope that you will really enjoy reading it. While we only REQUIRE one book, it is our hope that you will read more than one book over the summer, so we are recommending some titles that are appropriate for your grade level. You can read anything you would like. It does not need to be on this list. Just read. Set a goal. Read a little each day. Try it. You may like (or love) it!

RECOMMENDED READING SELECTIONS - FOURTH GRADE ENTERING FIFTH GRADE

Aim by Joyce Moyer Hostetter As World War II threatens the United States in 1941, fourteen-year-old Junior Bledsoe fights his own battles at home. Junior struggles with school and with anger at his father, his insufferable granddaddy, his neighbors, and himself as he desperately tries to understand himself and find his own aim in life. ©2016 Grade Level: 5-7

Absolutely Almost by Lisa Graff Ten-year-old Albie has never been the smartest, tallest, best at gym, greatest artist, or most musical in his class, as his parents keep reminding him, but new nanny Calista helps him uncover his strengths and take pride in himself, ©2015 Grade Level: 5-7

Because of the Rabbit by Cynthia Lord On the last night of summer, Emma tags along with her game warden father on a routine call. They're supposed to rescue a wild rabbit from a picket fence, but instead they find a little bunny. Emma convinces her father to bring him home for the night. 2020 ALSC Notable Children's Book ©2016 Grade Level 5-6

Chasing Space Young Readers' Edition by Leland Melvin A true story about the perseverance of an NFL star turned NASA astronaut. ©2016 Grade Level: 5-7

The First Rule of Punk by Celia C. Pérez There are no shortcuts to surviving your first day at a new school-you can't fix it with duct tape like you would your Chuck Taylors. On Day One, twelve-year-old Malú (María Luisa, if you want to annoy her) inadvertently upsets Posada Middle School's queen bee, violates the school's dress code with her punk rock look, and disappoints her college-professor mom in the process. 2018 Pura Belpré Author Honor Book ©2018 Grade Level 5-7

Gone Crazy in Alabama by Rita Williams-Garcia Delphine, Vonetta, and Fern are off to Alabama to visit their grandmother Big Ma and her mother, Ma Charles. Across the way lives Ma Charles's half-sister, Miss Trotter. The two half-sisters haven't spoken in years. As Delphine hears about her family history, she uncovers the surprising truth that's been keeping the sisters apart. Coretta Scott King Award ©2016 Grade Level 5-7

The Last Fifth Grade of Emerson Elementary by Laura Shovan Emerson Elementary is closing its doors and is due to be replaced by a shopping mall. Not everyone in this multiracial fifth-grade class feels the same about the school's imminent closure. The variety of expressive writing styles for each character makes this

book unique. ©2016 Grade Level 5-7

Sweeping Up the Heart by Kevin Henkes Amelia Albright dreams about going to Florida for spring break like everyone else in her class, but her father—a cranky and stubborn English professor—has decided Florida is too much adventure. ©2020 Grade Level 5-7

Where Watermelons Grow by Cindy Baldwin When twelve-year-old Della Kelly finds her mother furiously digging black seeds from a watermelon in the middle of the night **and** talking to people who aren't there, Della worries that it's happening again that the sickness that put her mama in the hospital four years ago is back. ©2018 Grade Level 5-7

White Bird by R. J. Palacio Grandmère Sara's story comes to light as she describes her **life** as a young Jewish girl during Nazi times. While hiding in a Nazi-occupied French village, she tells the tale **of** how a boy **once** shunned by classmates became her best friend. ©2019 Grade Level 5-7

27 Magic Words by Sharelle Byars Morganville Although Kobi's parents sailed into a storm five years ago, she believes they are alive, and when she is sent from her grandmother's luxurious Paris apartment to live with an uncle in Iowa, Kobi tells lies that soon catch up with her. ©2016 Grade Level 5-7

Bob by Wendy Mass It's been five years since Livy and her family have visited Livy's grandmother in Australia. Now **that** she's back, Livy has the feeling she's forgotten something really, really important about Gran's house. ©2019 Grade Level 5-6

Girls Who Code: Learn to Code and Change the World by Reshma Saujani The world's first coders were women. Pioneers such as Grace Hopper and Ada Lovelace helped shape the programming landscape as we know it today - and yet, according to recent research from Stack Overflow, only 7.7 percent of developers in the United States are women. ©2017 Grade Level 5-6

One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia Eleven-year-old Delphine is like a mother to her two younger sisters, Vonetta and Fern. She's had to be, ever since their mother, Cecile, left them seven years ago **for** a radical new life in California. ©2011 Grade Level 5-7, 2012 Newbery Honor Book, Scott O'Dell Award, and Coretta Scott King Award

Prairie Lotus by Linda Sue Park A girl determined to **fit in** and realize her dreams: getting an education, becoming a dressmaker in her father's shop, and making at least one friend. Hanna, a half-Asian girl in a small town in America's heartland, lives in 1880. Hanna's adjustment to her new surroundings, and the townspeople's prejudice against Asians, is at the heart of the story. ©2020 Grade Level 5-6

Saving Winslow by Sharon Creech Louie doesn't have the best luck when **it** comes to nurturing small creatures. So when his father brings home a sickly newborn mini donkey, he's determined to save him. He names him Winslow. ©2019 Grade Level 5-7 ALA Notable Children's Book, Texas Bluebonnet Award Winner

Serafina and the Black Cloak Robert Beatty The story of a brave and unusual girl who lives secretly in the basement of the grand Biltmore Estate amidst the splendor of the Gilded Age and the rugged beauty of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Serafina and her friend Braeden Vanderbilt must work together to solve a dark and

dangerous mystery. ©2015 Grade Level 5-7, New York Times Bestseller, 2016 Pat Conroy Southern Book Prize

Stella by Starlight by Sharon M. Draper Stella lives in the segregated South-in Bumblebee, North Carolina, to be exact about it. Some stores she can go into. Some stores she can't. Some folks are right, pleasant. Others are a lot less so. To Stella, it sort **of** evens out, and heck, the Klan hasn't bothered them for years. ©2016 Grade Level 5-8

When You Trap a Tiger by Tae Keller When Lily and her family move in **with** her sick grandmother, a magical tiger straight out of her halmoni's Korean folktales arrives, prompting Lily to unravel a secret family history. ©2020 Grade Level 4-5, Newbery Medal and Asian/Pacific American Award

The War That **Saved My Life** by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley Nine-year-old Ada has never left her one-room apartment. Her mother is too humiliated by Ada's twisted foot to let her outside. So, when her little brother Jamie is shipped out **of** London to escape the **war**, Ada doesn't waste a minute-she sneaks out to join him. 2016 Newbery Honor Book and 2016 Schneider Family Book Award ©2016 Grade Level 5-6

Fifth Grade Summer Reading & Book Report



We will be reading Because of Mr. Terupt by Rob Buyea for our Summer Reading book for fifth grade.

Once you have completed the book, these are the directions to complete your project.

1.) On a PAPER bag, please write the title of the book and your first and last name on the bag. On the other side, please draw and color an illustration to depict the book. You may do the drawing on plain white paper and glue that to your bag if you would rather not draw directly on the bag.

2.) Place FOUR (4) items in the bag that can help you retell the story in some way. They should symbolize each item below. These can be pictures that you draw, pictures that you print on a computer printer, or actual objects (as long as they fit in the bag).

Item 1: Represents one of the characters in the book

Item 2: Represents the setting of the story

Item 3: Represents the problem or an event in the story

Item 4: Represents the solution to the problem or the ending of the story

3.) Complete the attached Paper Bag Book Report form where you will explain why you have chosen each of the symbols that you have selected. Cursive is the preferred method of writing, but if you do not feel confident in your cursive handwriting skills, then you may print.

4.) Be prepared to talk about the items in your bag as part of your grade. You should have note cards for your presentation. You will not be permitted to read from your Book Report form while presenting.

5.) A rubric for your Summer Reading Book Report Project is included. Please check the rubric before you consider yourself "finished." This report is due on the first day of school.

Fifth Grade Summer Reading Book Report Rubric

Name: _____ Score: _____

Content

Followed directions & completed the project _____/10

Included an item to represent the character _____/5

Included an item to represent the setting _____/5

Included an item to represent the problem OR an event _____/5

Included an item to represent the solution OR ending of story _____/5

Clearly explained why each item was chosen _____/20

Mechanics

Utilized correct capitalization _____/5

Utilized correct punctuation _____/5

Utilized correct spelling _____/5

Bag

Included neatly colored illustration on the bag _____/5

Included title of book and first and last name on bag _____/5

Presentation

Used loud and clear voice with expression _____/5

Was well-prepared and used good fluency _____/5

Used good eye contact with audience _____/5

Fifth Grade Paper Bag Book Report Form



Title: _____

Author: _____

The **FIRST** item in my bag is _____. It represents a **CHARACTER** because _____

The **SECOND** item in my bag is _____. It represents the **SETTING** because _____

The **THIRD** item in my bag is _____. It represents a **PROBLEM** or an **EVENT** in the story because _____

The **FOURTH** item in my bag is _____. It represents the **SOLUTION** or the **ENDING** of the story because _____

